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ELECTION

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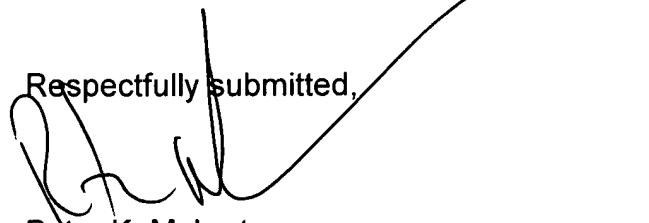

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Dear Sir:

This election is offered in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed April 29, 2005.

Applicants hereby elect to pursue species 2 shown in Figure 3A and claims 1-10, and 17-20 which are readable thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



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